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 SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH KAGAME

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2. SUMMARY. AMBASSADOR RAWSON MET WITH VP/DEFENSE MINISTER PAUL KAGAME ON OCTOBER 14 TO DISCUSS REFUGEE ISSUES, THE SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS CLIMATE, AND GOR RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. KAGAME ADMITTED THERE WERE MAJOR PROBLEMS BUT MAINTAINED THERE WERE SOLUTIONS AS WELL. END SUMMARY.

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3. THE AMBASSADOR, A/DCM AND DATT MET WITH KAGAME AND FPA LIAISON OFFICER, MAJOR FRANK KAMANZI, IN KAGAME'S OFFICE AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. KAGAME BEGAN BY STATING THAT HE THOUGHT IT TIME TO MOVE FROM A HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PHASE TO RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION. HE FELT THE TENDANCY HAD THUS FAR BEEN REACTIVE; A SEARCH FOR LASTING SOLUTIONS WAS NOW IN ORDER.

4. HE OBSERVED THAT THE GOR HAD FEW RESOURCES WITH

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WHICH TO PURSUE SUCH SOLUTIONS. FOR INSTANCE, ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~
KNEW THAT PEOPLE IN RWANDA HAD COMMITTED POSTWAR
CRIMES -- REPRISALS -- THAT SHOULD BE JUDGED.
HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO FUNCTIONING COURTS. INSTEAD
OF SIMPLY BLAMING PEOPLE (THE GOR), THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY COULD BETTER PROVIDE RESOURCES TO HELP
CORRECT INSTITUTIONAL SHORTCOMINGS.

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7. KAGAME RETURNED TO THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. HE SAID THAT THE GOR FAVORED MAINTAINING PAST STRUCTURES, WITH THE GENDARMERIE PROVIDING CIVILIAN POLICE SERVICES. HE SAID THAT THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM NEEDED BOTH MATERIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. THE AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT THE U.S. MAY BE ABLE TO HELP WITH THIS, AND WE HAD ALREADY INITIATED TALKS WITH THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ABOUT ITS IMMEDIATE NEEDS. KAGAME APPROVED, NOTING THAT THE RPA SOLDIERS, THE ONLY LAW NOW AVAILABLE, WERE LAMENTABLY IGNORANT OF PROPER JUDICIAL PROCEDURE. INEVITABLY, ABUSES HAD OCCURRED.

8. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED IF KAGAME MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN VISITING THE U.S. KAGAME REPLIED THAT HE WOULD WELCOME A VISIT, POSSIBLY IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

9. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED KAGAME ABOUT THE CROSS

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BORDER MILITARY THREAT. KAGAME SAID HE WAS UNCLASSIFIED CONCERNED ABOUT AN OFFENSIVE THAN A (INTERHAMWE/FAR) PSYOPS/INTIMIDATION CAMPAIGN IN RWANDA TO DRIVE DP'S AND RETURNEES ACROSS THE BORDER. THE GOR WAS TRYING TO MAXIMIZE SECURITY TO REASSURE THOSE TARGETED BY SUCH EFFORTS. THE ONLY REAL SOLUTION, HE ADDED, WAS TO BRING ALL REFUGEES HOME, WHICH WOULD BE
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11. TO THE AMBASSADOR'S QUERY ABOUT REINTEGRATION OF THE FAR, KAGAME SAID THAT HE WAS USING RETURNEES TO ENTICE OTHERS BACK. RECRUITERS TRAVELED OUTSIDE RWANDA TO TALK TO THOSE INTERESTED IN RETURN. MEANWHILE, THOSE ALREADY RETURNED HAD MIXED WITH ELEMENTS OF THE RPA IN A RE-EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM. KAGAME SAID THAT MOST EARLY FAR RETURNEES HAD COME FROM NORTH KIVU; THIS HAD HALTED AND MOST

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WERE NOW COMING THROUGH BUKAVU IN THE SOUTH.

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13. KAGAME SAID THAT HE WOULD WELCOME A REGIONAL CONFERENCE; THE RWANDAN/BURUNDIAN SITUATION HAD REGIONAL IMPLICATIONS.

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14. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED ABOUT CONDITIONS IN THE SOUTHWEST. KAGAME SAID THAT THE GOR HAD SOUGHT TO ALLAY SECURITY CONCERNS BY REINFORCING THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION AND FACILITATING THE DEPLOYMENT OF UWAMIR FORCES. HE ADDED THAT "POGROMS" WERE STILL UNDERWAY NEAR BUTARE, THE WORK OF EXTREMIST (PRBSUMABLY HUTU) INFILTRATORS FROM BURUNDI. HE SAID THAT RELATIONS WITH UNAMIR WERE SATISFACTORY.

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KAGAME CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC IN SPITE OF THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS CONFRONTING RWANDA.

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16. THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT CLEARED BY AMB. RAWSON BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

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